

NASA's Space Launch System:

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Affordability *for* Sustainability

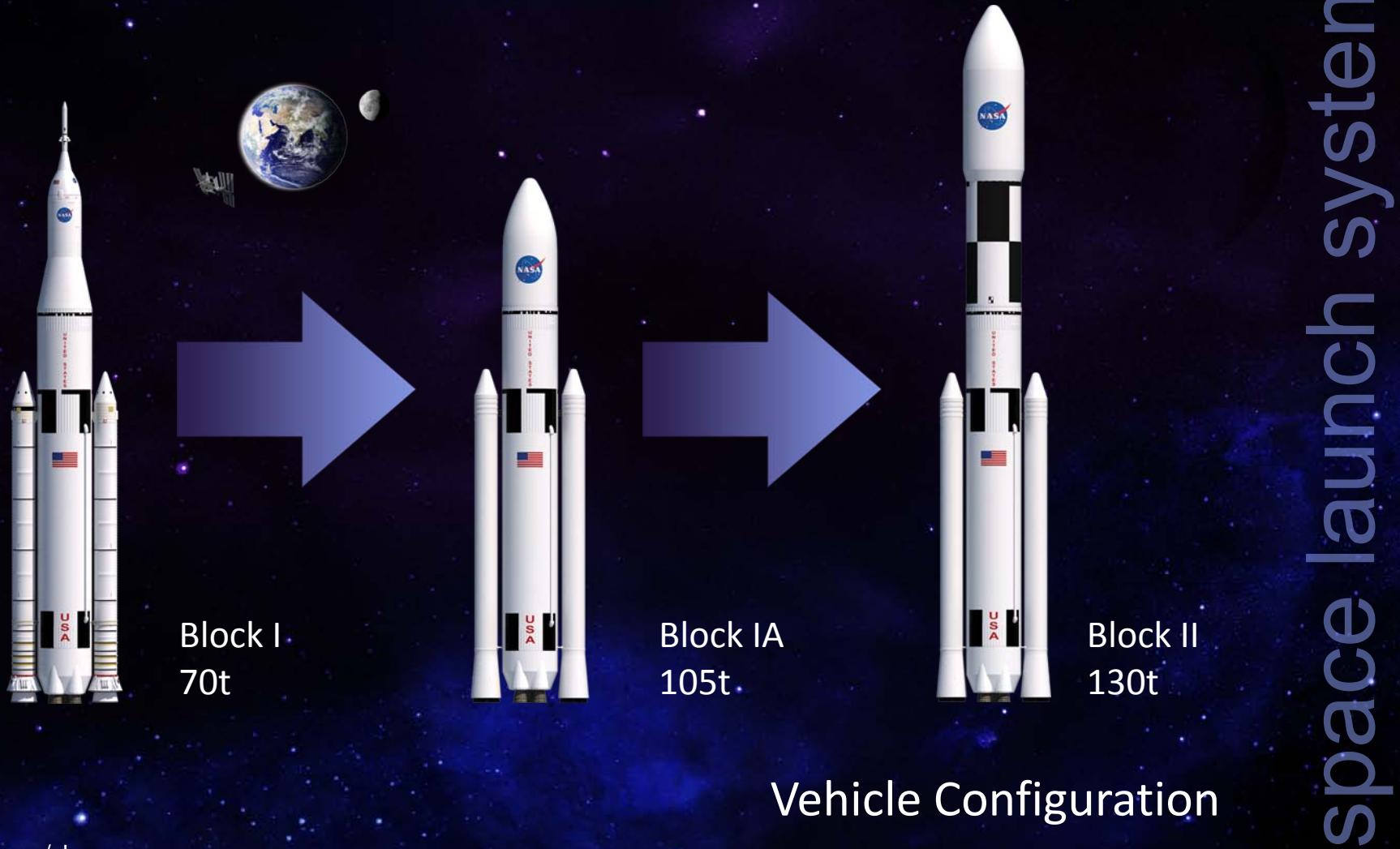
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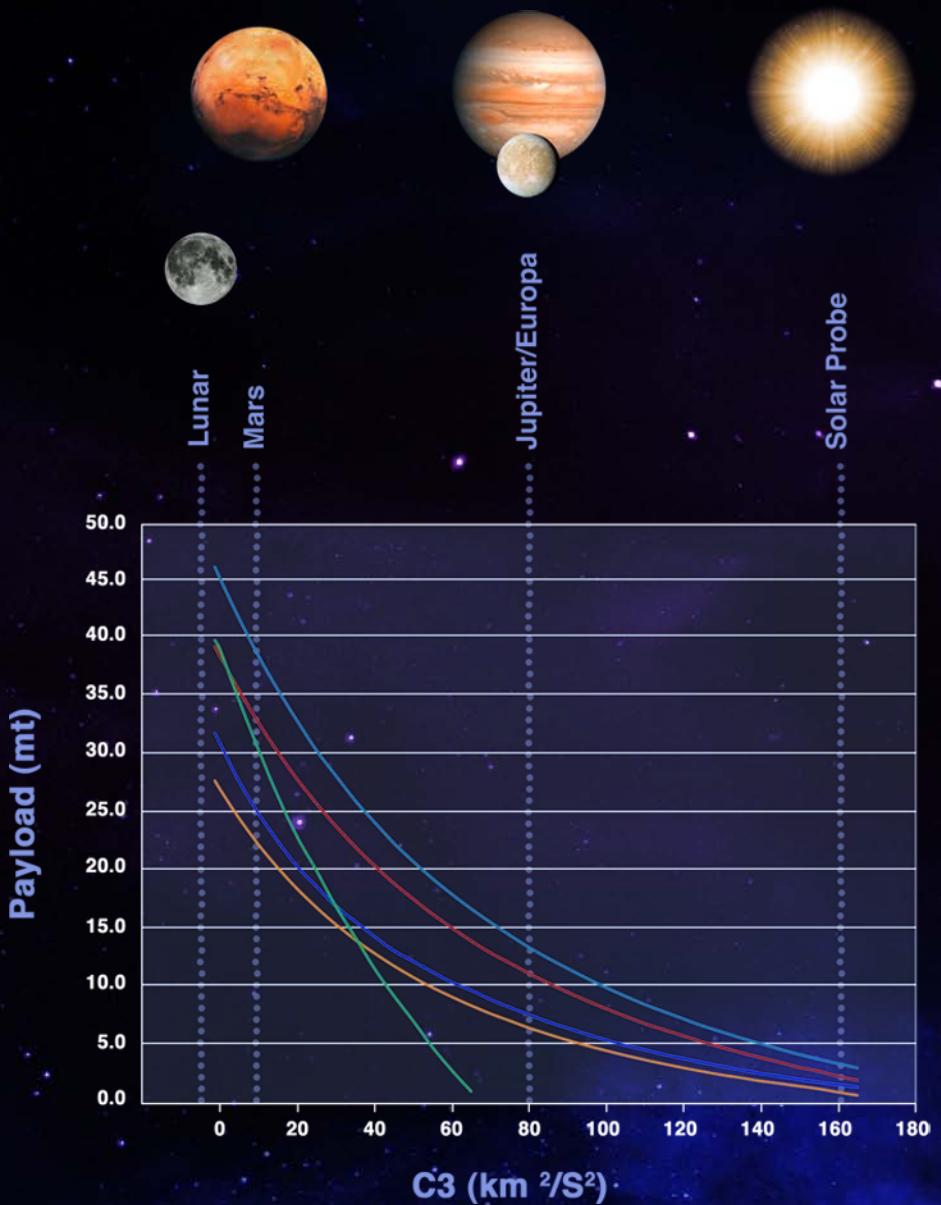
Space launch system



- NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) will be the most powerful rocket ever built.
- This heavy-lift rocket will take astronauts and high-priority science payloads beyond the moon to new destinations, such as an asteroid and Mars.
- The SLS rocket will be an asset for international cooperation and help create opportunities to enrich the future for people around the world.

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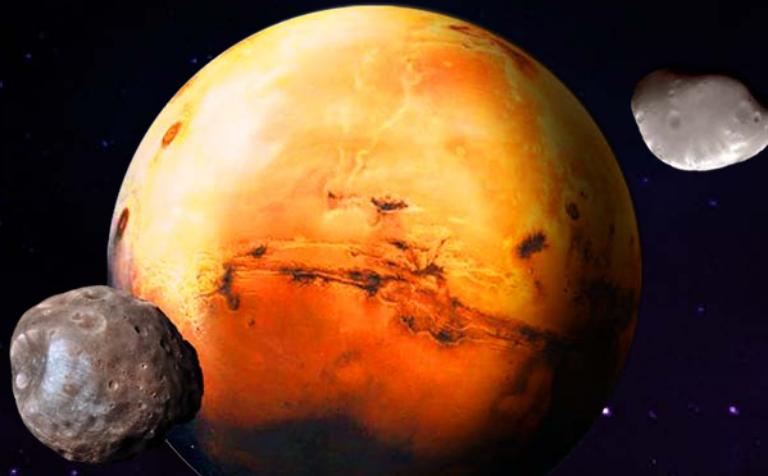
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Mission Performance



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Block IA

Block II



SLS	
Usable Volume (m³)	1104
LEO Payload (mt)	70 / 105 / 130
Liftoff Thrust (MN)	36.87

Payload / Shroud

Space launch system



Performance = Higher Payload Margins



Performance = Significantly Faster Trip Times



Performance = Less Complex Mechanisms



Volume = Fewer Deployments and On-Orbit Operations

Safe, Affordable, Sustainable